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August 8, 2025

William K. Marshall III
Director
Federal Bureau of Prisons

Dear Director Marshall,

As the Representative for New York's 10th Congressional District, which includes the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn (MDC Brooklyn), I write to formally request a tour of the wing of MDC Brooklyn being used by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to detain immigrants.

As a member of Congress, Section 527(a) of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024 explicitly provides me with the statutory right to conduct oversight, without notice, of any facility being used by DHS to "detain or otherwise house" immigrants. As you know, DHS and BOP have entered into an agreement whereby DHS is using a part of MDC Brooklyn to detain immigrants subject to civil immigration proceedings. According to information provided to me by BOP as of two weeks ago, there are 105 immigration detainees being housed at MDC Brooklyn.

On August 6, 2025, I attempted to conduct oversight of the DHS detainees pursuant to my rights under Section 527, but I was denied access to the facility by the BOP.

Although I was improperly denied access, Executive Assistant David Richardson offered to schedule a tour of the MDC Brooklyn wing being used by DHS at a later date. In a statement released by the BOP later that day, the Bureau reiterated your offer to members of Congress to accommodate a request to schedule such an oversight visit.

By this letter, I accept the BOP's oral and written offer to schedule a tour of the MDC Brooklyn wing being used by DHS to detain immigrants. Accordingly, I am requesting a tour on August 13, 2025 at 9:15 AM EST.

Please confirm receipt of this request and that you will accommodate my visit to MDC Brooklyn on August 13.

Sincerely,

Dan Goldman
Member of Congress